

SUBJECT: Using the multiuse training facility as an operations center

COMMITTEE: Homeland Security and Public Safety — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — P. King, Nevárez, Burns, Hinojosa, J. Johnson, Metcalf, Wray
1 nay — Schaefer
1 absent — Holland

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 19 — 31-0

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Ramiro Gonzalez, City of Brownsville)
Against — None

BACKGROUND: In 2015, the 84th Legislature provided for the construction of a multiuse training facility to be used by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas military forces, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, and any other state or federal military or law enforcement agencies. Observers have noted that greater flexibility might be needed in regard to the use and development of the facility.

DIGEST: SB 1805 would redesignate the multiuse training facility as a multiuse training and operations center facility and expand its use to include housing law enforcement assets and equipment and supporting and initiating tactical operations and law enforcement missions.

A navigation district, in addition to a county or municipality, could donate real property to the Department of Public Safety for the facility.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.